

SCIENCE CLUB PROMISES MUCH

by Joseph Selch

Dr. DeFina, Mrs. Skalecky and Sister Roberta, moderators of the Science Clubs, are planning a very exciting year for three full sections of the club, Biology, Ecology and Physical Science. Each of the clubs has activities for the students. In the Biology section, Dr. DeFina and James Toppin plan to introduce a theme and have students work on projects around that theme.

Mrs. Skalecky and her Ecology Section also have a lot to offer, like setting up a rather large salt water tank, for which they will go to Gateway Recreational Area to collect live specimens. They will also have a bog terrarium, and trips to the Bronx Zoo and the New York Aquarium.

The Science Clubs plan to have a club newsletter, a trip to Washington, D.C. during November 19-21, and a day trip to Philadelphia. Dr. DeFina said, "We are looking for students who want to work on projects for the science fairs."

COLLEGE FAIR HELD

by Kenneth Caitano

Bishop Ford's College Fair will have been held on Thursday, October 21, 1982 in the gym from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (3rd-6th periods). A vast variety of colleges will have been represented by members of their staffs. Four-year colleges, two-year colleges, both city and state colleges, academic, business, commercial and polytechnical colleges, representatives from the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, will have taken part in the college fair.

The college fair is sponsored by the Guidance Department of Bishop Ford. Mr. Stephen McAteer of that department stated, "I highly recommended attending the fair to students who are uncertain what their futures might be; these students got valuable information. For students who have an idea of what they are going to do, the fair was also to their advantage."

BANDS TO DO BATTLE

by Maria Valletta

This year Bishop Ford is hoping to initiate many new activities and events. Among these is our school's first annual "battle of the bands." This event was originally scheduled to be held on Friday, October 8th. However, because preparations for this event have not yet got started, the date will have to be moved to a later time.

The battle of the bands will basically be a kind of band talent show for various bands from Ford. Half of the band members must be students at Bishop Ford. The idea of a battle of the bands first arose last year on the Junior Activities Committee. Unfortunately, it was too late to plan such an event.

The battle of the bands will probably take place right here at Bishop Ford, either in the cafeteria or the auditorium. Mr. Campanero, head of Student Activities, is hoping to hold this event after school, so that the students can see what



Anthony Fuentes with Bobo.

FALCONS FACE MANY CHANGES ON RETURN TO BISHOP FORD

by Sonia Maria Lopez

Bishop Ford has undergone a series of changes for the 1982-83 school year.

The changes in administration consist of former Dean of Students Mr. R. Grella becoming an Assistant Principal, and Spanish teacher Mr. Fernandez becoming Dean of Students.

The changes in the cafeteria have been the most serious of all. No longer can students arrange tables to include just their friends. This makes it easier for students to find a place to sit. Students are required to remain in the cafeteria for the first 15 to 20 minutes of each lunch period.

They are also required to be quiet while the announcements are read by Mr. Campanaro. Furthermore, they are required to clean up after themselves before they are permitted to go into the school yard.

Other changes which have taken place are an addition of one minute between each class to make a total of four, a shortening of homeroom to 5 minutes instead of 10, and a 3-minute lengthening of the school day, dismissal now taking place at 2:27 four days a week.

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CUOMO/LEHRMAN: THE RACE IS ON

by Roxanne Whitaker

On Friday, the Daily News' front page headline read, "Cuomo Pulls An Upset."

And it was an upset, in a way. All of New York's top newspapers had endorsed Koch. The Post had even gone so far as to say that Koch would win by 18%. But the contest was in a dead heat with Cuomo finally winning by 6% of the votes. This election made almost everyone believe that sometimes money can't top the painful and realistic issues concerning New York State.

Lew Lehrman had an easy, no-contest race against Paul Curran. Lehrman had 81% of the vote, while Curran had only 19% of the vote. Lehrman's extensive campaigning and extensive advertisements cost the self-made millionaire and owner of Rite-Aid drugstores nearly \$8 million, plus about \$2.8 million in private contributions. Curran's \$100,000 spent in advertisements and about \$90,000 in private con-

tributions caused many to say that Lehrman bought the election.

And, in a way, he did.

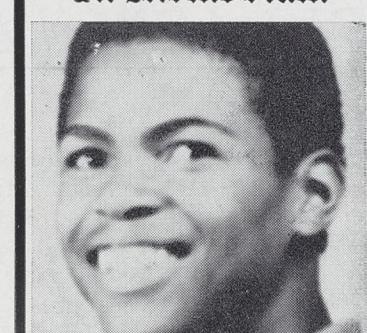
So, don't feel sorry for Koch. He's still the mayor for about two more years, and City Hall will still have the name of Mayor Edward I. Koch on it. But one thing's for sure. Being mayor is only secondary to being governor. And Koch knows it.

As for Cuomo, wish him luck. He's going against a formidable and rich opponent who has many fine ideas about how New York should be run. But Cuomo has the experience, the insight and wisdom that go with being involved in politics for almost half of your life. Lehrman has the money, the idealism and the promises that most gubernatorial candidates have.

But who is going to be the next Governor of New York? Who is going to win in November? Who is going to be the people's choice?



In Memoriam



We, the Editors and Staff of *Highpoint*, dedicate this, our first issue of the 1982-1983 academic year, to the fond memory of Rodney Jefferson, who passed away at the end of last semester.

It's like for themselves. He hopes to make it something like a school assembly. However, nothing is definite yet. It has not yet been determined whether or not there will be prizes or who the judges will be. Preparations for this big event will be made shortly.

ELEVEN NEW TEACHERS JOIN FACULTY

by Lina Aquino

Keep up the good work! The new teachers have been at Bishop Ford CCHS for two weeks, and they all like it!

It had been the goal for years of Mr. John Clinton, whose alma mater is Bishop Ford, to come back and teach here. However, he has found that his students are not used to working on their own. He claims that they are extremely test conscious.

Like Mr. Clinton, Mr. Richard Flaherty is in the social studies department. Mr. Flaherty used to teach at a grammar school. He came to Bishop Ford for a change of atmosphere and to be with older students.

Mrs. Marie Busiello taught art in the adult education program here at Bishop Ford for three years. She expects her students to be very interested, since they chose to

take the course. So far they've lived up to her expectations.

Miss Joan Casazzone, who formerly taught at St. Angela Hall, came to Bishop Ford for a change of atmosphere, too. Mrs. Diane Church, Mr. Joseph Huchla and Miss Casazzone, all of the math department, stated that Bishop Ford has a very friendly atmosphere.

Sister Barbara Nirrengarden taught in the Bronx before coming to Bishop Ford. She says that BFCCHS has very good school spirit. She teaches in the special education class.

Mrs. Jacqueline Di Santo, a former teacher at Bishop Kearny and Catherine Gibbs, said that students here are a pleasure to teach and she likes it here a lot.

Mrs. Di Santo and Miss Josephine Herman, who taught at Bishop Malloy earlier, are both in the language department.

Mr. Ralph Villa, a teacher

SMASHING YEAR PLANNED FOR SENIORS

by Deborah Durante

Even before classes began at Bishop Ford, many senior activities had already been planned so that this year might be an exciting one for every senior. This was due to the hard work of Dr. DeFina and Senior Class President James Tully. Dr. DeFina, who is in his third year as senior activities coordinator, remarked, "It seems that this senior class is as active and enthusiastic as the last two senior classes were." If this proves to be true, then the seniors will not only carry away diplomas, but many special memories as well.

The first activity on the calendar is the Fourth Annual Senior Halloween Dance, which will be held on October 28 from 8 to 12 p.m. in the cafeteria. The date set for the Crazy Hat and Tie Day is November 19. Cash prizes will be awarded to the seniors with the most original combinations. The Senior vs. Faculty Superstar Competition was so successful last year that plans have been made for the Second Annual Superstar Games. They will take place on Wednesday, March 16 in the gym after dismissal.

A poll will be taken to see how many seniors would support a Dude Ranch Day. There is the possibility that there will be a Senior Ski Day. Dr. DeFina also hopes to organize a Talent Show. The senior event that is anticipated most, besides graduation, is the prom. It will be held at Terrace on the Park on the Thursday before Memorial Day, instead of on the traditional Wednesday evening before Ascension Thursday. By that time the seniors will have finished all their classes and examinations.

On June 3, the Senior-Faculty Communion Breakfast will take place. This will be a chance for the seniors to say their final good-byes to the members of the faculty. The grand finale, of course, will be graduation. This will be on Saturday, June 4. When asked how he thought this year would turn out, Dr. DeFina replied, "There's a good feeling that the year will be memorable."

Highpoint extends best wishes for a Happy Halloween to the entire Ford community.

of history and psychology at St. Agnes High School, is now teaching religion at Bishop Ford. He feels that teaching religion brings him closer to his students.

Miss Virginia McGee, our new gym teacher, said that our physical education program is very good.

Bishop Ford CCHS has a very pleasant atmosphere, and the new teachers are glad to be a part of it.

TRICK OR TREAT?

by Edward Peppe

Hallowe'en, also known as the Eve Of All Saints, is the time of year when young children don costumes, grab paper bags, and go from door to door asking for candy in the tradition known as trick-or-treating. But whether you're a youngster or teenager, a middle-aged person or senior citizen, one common element binds us together at Hallowe'en, the supernatural. It is a fact that Hallowe'en is looked upon as a night of evil, a night of ghostly haunts, and, especially for the young ones, a night of ghost-story telling around the cut-up pumpkin called the jack-o'-lantern.

Why is it that this night, which in Christian tradition is a night of holiness and prayer, is considered to be an evening of witches and goblins, ghosts and ghouls? For the answer, we must turn back to the time of the Celtic civilizations in pre-Christian Scotland and Ireland. Before our present Gregorian calendar came into use, saying that the year began on January 1st and ended on December 31st, the ancient people of Britain, known as the Celts (the ancestors of the modern-day Scottish and Irish), began their year on November 1st and ended it on October 31st. At the end of the Celtic year, the Celts would gather in the middle of a glen or in a grove to ask for the protection of the god Bog against the demonic forces of the god Saman. The festival of protection, called in Irish *Oidhche Shamhna* (pronounced: uh-EE-huh SOW-nuh), would last until midnight when the barrier between man and the spirit was lowered and the dead would come back to haunt the living. This is where we get the term "the witching hour" and is the basis for the terror-filled part of Hallowe'en. The tradition of wearing costumes on Hallowe'en is also given to us by the Celts themselves who wore menacing costumes in order to frighten away any evil spirits.

Another common tradition on Hallowe'en is the decorating of pumpkins by placing a candle within the center in order to give them demonic effect. This tradition was also given to us by the Celts, based on a legendary evil tyrant who came back from the dead and used a pumpkin for his head. According to the Celtic legend as told in my family (other Celtic families have their own versions), there once was an evil tax-collecting landlord who lived in Ireland during the Middle Ages who was known throughout the land for his greed and merciless torturing of tenants who could not pay their rent. His castle stood on a hill known as *Cnoc Diabhall* (pronounced: knock dee-VAWL), which means 'mount of the devils', and was used as a prison for his poor victims (instruments of torture included the rack, the iron-maiden, and the chamber of rats). Finally, the outraged tenants decided to revolt and kill the landlord. They waited until October 31st when the celebration of *Oidhche Shamhna* would take place within a grove of cedar trees. As the lord rode to take part in the celebration, the tenants, who were lying on either side of the road in ambush, sprung out from behind their cover and knocked him off his horse. The landlord was brutally stabbed and then beheaded, his body left out on the road to rot, and his head thrown into a bog to sink. At the height of the celebration at midnight, the landlord's body stood up and walked down the road to a tenant's pumpkin patch, out of which he took a large pumpkin. The landlord pulled out his dagger, gutted the insides, cut holes in it forming the eyes, nose and mouth of a man, and placed it on the stump where his head had stood. The landlord then placed a candle within the pumpkin which allowed him to see. At one o'clock he began his reign of terror by killing the tenants who had slain him, and then went on a rampage of murdering all those who crossed his path.

He became known throughout the country as Jack O'Lantern due to his candle-lighted artificial head. This is still part of the tradition that goes along with Hallowe'en, and it is still believed in rural parts of Ireland and Scotland that at the stroke of midnight, the beheaded man at the foot of the dark Irish road will come back and search for a pumpkin with which to replace his severed head, and kill the descendants of those who slew him.

Happy Hallowe'en, my dear readers, and pleasant dreams!

EATING IN SHIFTS

by Joseph Tesoriero

There has been a big improvement in the cafeteria this year; tables are set up in four areas. Except for the senior area, they are comprised of about 30 groups, with five tables to a group. The senior area is comprised of round tables. The tables were set up in this way so that everyone can socialize, and more tables were added this year. Because of an enrollment of more students than the cafeteria can handle, lunch is now served in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth periods. No one can leave the cafeteria before the announcements, and after the announcements, tables must be cleared of litter.

During lunch, the announcements we hear over the loudspeaker are a big waste of time. Around the middle of the lunch period Mr. Campanaro asks for silence—COMPLETE SILENCE. This takes up our free time; they should be announced during homeroom. During homeroom everyone can hear the announcements. During lunch, sometimes some people elect to spend free time in the library and miss out on the important announcements. Making announcements in the cafeteria does not guarantee that every student has heard them.

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FEMALE FIREFIGHTERS

by Martin Brennan

The New York City Fire Department, for the first time in its 117-year history, has decided to admit women into its ranks. This has made the subject of female firefighters a heated topic of debate for the past few months. There are those who believe that women won't be able to handle the tremendous stress of being firefighters simply because of their gender. Then there are others who believe that women must do the job, whether they can hack it or not, solely for the advancement of equal rights. The naysayers, nonbelievers, and other assorted pessimistic chauvinists have good reason to be concerned. No New Yorker wants anyone accepted as a member of the "Bravest" unless she can meet the standards which the name implies.

The preliminary written and "revised" physical exams are far from the only two tests prospective firefighters must pass to become real firefighters. They must attend and complete a grueling six-week training camp whose curriculum is equivalent to or superior to the Marine Corps Boot Camp curriculum. Following their successful completion of the course they must spend one year as probationary firefighters under the watchful eyes of their superiors. Anyone who passes all of these requirements more than proves to me that she has all the talent and dedication necessary to become a firefighter in New York City.

However, there are still those who contend that women will never be capable of being firefighters. It seems that these people have formed their beliefs and made their predictions regarding firewomen without having seen a single woman actually performing her duties as a firefighter. Many people think that the female firefighter is a new idea, or that New York is the only city that has them. That could not be further from the truth. There are 400 women firefighters in 127 cities across the nation. The reports from most observers indicate that women are functioning just fine in their controversial positions. So, instead of opposing them and denouncing them, why don't we just keep our mouths shut and give the ladies a chance.

LIFE IS CHEAP IN THE MIDDLE EAST

by Roxanne Whitaker

The fatal situation began Tuesday, September 14, when an Israeli official discovered the mutilated and burnt body of President-elect Bashir Gemayel in the bombed-out ruins of the Christian Phalange Party headquarters.

In the meantime, in Jerusalem, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon consulted Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Then, according to Sharon, Begin sent the Israeli army into West Beirut to block out the return of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The PLO had been evacuated only two weeks before, after a summer-long Israeli siege of West Beirut.

By 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 15, the Israeli troops had moved into West Beirut, and they left the refugee camps alone. Israel asked the Lebanese army to protect the camps, where up to 2,000 PLO fighters remained, but the army refused.

By Thursday morning, September 16, Israeli troops had taken over West Beirut. The Israeli and Phalangist officials met to choose targets and to go over operational plans.

By all accounts, Sharon, the "driving force" behind the Beirut siege, personally gave his nod to the Christian militia's move into the camps. Sharon insisted that the action was against terrorists and the civilian population must not be "harmed." One Israeli sergeant later told the *Jerusalem Post*: "The Christians operated in full coordination with us and with our full support. We were . . . told to let them through. No one thought of a massacre, of course, but of cleaning out terrorists. Our people in observation posts could make out the progress of their movements inside the camp."

One of the survivors from the refugee camps said that in the beginning, "They killed with knives, so as not to make noise." By 11 a.m. Thursday, "Sniping began in the streets. Anyone who crossed the street was killed immediately."

Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers heard the gunfire, but assumed it just meant that the militia were having problems with the P.L.O.

Later that morning, Sept. 17, four doctors left the Acca Hospital with the white flag and tried to enter the Sabra camp. A grenade killed three of them and injured the fourth.

Even reporters were turned away from entering the camps Friday by Phalangist militiamen. The reporters could hear gunfire coming from inside the camps.

Other atrocities which are too numerous to list were reported over numerous radio and T.V. stations all over the world.

Earlier Friday, Major Gen. Amir Drori, chief of the northern command, ordered an immediate halt to the operation. At 6:30 p.m., Sharon said, the Phalange commander agreed that all his militiamen would leave the camps by Saturday morning.

In the morning, the Phalangists left the camps and the Israelis ordered their troops not to enter the camps "so as not to link the Israeli Defense Forces to events that occurred there" Sharon said.

By Wednesday, September 22, 1982, the Red Cross in Beirut said that the deaths of 663 men, women and children had been confirmed. The Red Cross also said that the toll was expected to rise during the coming weeks.

On Thursday, September 23, 1982, Amin Gemayel, brother of slain Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel, was sworn in as the 14th President of Lebanon. In his inauguration speech, Gemayel vowed to stop "the vicious cycle of bloody violence," that had gripped his country for eight years.

Wish him luck.

He's going to need it.

BIG APPLE KEEPS KOCH

by Jim Toppin

"I have decided, frankly, after some experience and considerable thought, that winning is better than losing."

These were the words of Lt. Governor Mario Cuomo after coming from behind to edge out Mayor Koch for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. He won 53% of the votes. It was a tough fight and, as expected, they both ran neck-and-neck in the Bronx and Queens; but Cuomo won Manhattan and Staten Island. Mr. Cuomo has never won a race on his own before.

Mr. Koch's crude remarks about rural and suburban life in a *Playboy* magazine interview cost him votes; up-staters voted for Cuomo 2-1. The Koch committee blamed his defeat on New Yorkers who wanted him to remain as mayor. This is Ed's first defeat in 20 years. Only two mayors in New York's history went on to become governors; the last one of these was elected 113 years ago! Koch pledged to assist Mr. Cuomo and said that, "What is important now is that we elect him our next governor." Mario also has the support of Governor Hugh Carey, who backed Koch in the primary.

On the Republican side, Lew Lehrman crushed his opponent Paul Curran, 81% to 19%. The media was flooded by Lehrman's commercials. He spent a whopping \$7.1 million on his campaign, and \$5 million was his own. Mr. Curran spent under \$5 million. Lew plans to spend another \$4 million in the next five weeks. New Yorkers are very interested in Mr. Lehrman's proposals, like restoring the death penalty, new jobs and economic growth, and new business for New York.



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ROBIN WILLIAMS IS GARP

by Leslie Calandra

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP, the sensational novel by John Irving, has been transferred from the page to the screen in a spectacular film by director George Roy Hill. Garp, who is brilliantly portrayed by Robin Williams, lives, loves and clowns to the delight of readers and movie goers the world over. Glenn Close accurately portrays the strong-willed opinionated mother of Garp, Jenny Fields.

Both begin with the life of Jenny Fields. Jenny is a young, independent woman who is completely devoted to her profession, nursing. Much to the dismay of family and friends, she proclaims her unwillingness to marry and her eagerness to have a child. Garp was conceived in a deliberate encounter having as its sole purpose the generation of a child. Such is the story of the birth of T.S.Garp.

Jenny accepts the job of head nurse on the campus of a prestigious preparatory school so that young Garp, though lacking a father, will not lack a good education. Life at Steering Academy provides young Garp just that. It is at Steering that he becomes interested in wrestling. Wrestling introduces Garp into the world of sports. It also introduces him into the world of Helen Holm. It is through Helen that Garp realizes his writing abilities and his first (and best) major work is written for her (**The PENSION GRILLPARZER**). Though this novel is only once referred to in the film, two entire chapters of the book are devoted to its coming into print.

Jenny Fields' decision to write her own auto-biographical

book is the basis for all that happens to the entire Fields/Garp family thereafter. Jenny's novel, **A SEXUAL SUSPECT**, becomes a worldwide success, along with becoming the cornerstone of the feminist movement of her time. Although Garp is, in his own right, an exceptional writer, his successes will never match his mother's, and he will forever ride on his mother's coat-tails.

While Jenny turns the family estate at Dog's Head Harbor into a sanctuary for female social misfits, Garp goes on to lead a semi-normal family life. He and Helen marry and have three children, Duncan, Walt and Jenny. They encounter more than the usual amount of ups and downs each family must deal with.

Jenny Fields becomes very involved in a group of young women who call themselves Ellen Jamesians. Ellen Jamesians, in protest against the violent rape of young Ellen (whose abductors cut off her tongue so that she would not be able to identify them), have their own tongues removed. Garp is extremely opposed to this senseless, masochistic group of women. The struggle between Garp and the Ellen Jamesians sets the political tone of the novel. Garp's last book, **THE WORLD ACCORDING TO BENSENHAVER** (in the film it is referred to as **ELLEN**), paints a realistic picture of rape and the psychological reactions of all involved. This novel further alienates T.S.Garp from the Ellen Jamesians.

The film is a very accurate, condensed version of John Irving's masterpiece. To fully appreciate the film, the novel should be read. For, after all, "In the world according to Garp we must have energy. Jenny Fields once thought of us as Externals, Vital Organs, Absentees, and Goners. But in the world according to Garp, we are all terminal cases."

THE CLASS OF 1984

by Alyssa Maresca

Are you into violence, gore, and pure nonsense? If you are, then "The Class of 1984" is your kind of movie.

It features Timothy Van Patten as a brilliant but twisted gang leader, who, along with his gang, terrorizes Lincoln High School. His character, Stegman, and his gang do things worthy of master criminals rather than high school students. They deal in drugs and prostitution, and they go as far as rape and attempted murder.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN'S NEBRASKA

by Maureen Cristiano

Bruce Springsteen has come out with another album, this one having been released in late September.

"Nebraska" is a bit different from Springsteen's previous albums done with the **E Street Band**. Springsteen plays only acoustic guitar and harmonica, and the **E Street Band** just isn't there.

The sound of the music is different; it sounds almost

country-western, but one can still tell it's Springsteen just by the distinct sound of his voice. He sings, again, of his native Jersey and probably always will, because, let's face it, that's him!

All the words and music on this album were written by Bruce Springsteen. True, it is a change from his other albums, but it is a nice change. However, I think only a real Bruce Springsteen fan can thoroughly enjoy this album.

What can be done about the crowding? Asking people for their opinions may make them feel better, but it does nothing to help the problem. Ford must stop accepting so many freshmen and revise its practice of letting students with academic failures stay in school on probation.

Faculty Focus: MR. JOHN BATE

by Liz O'Keeffe

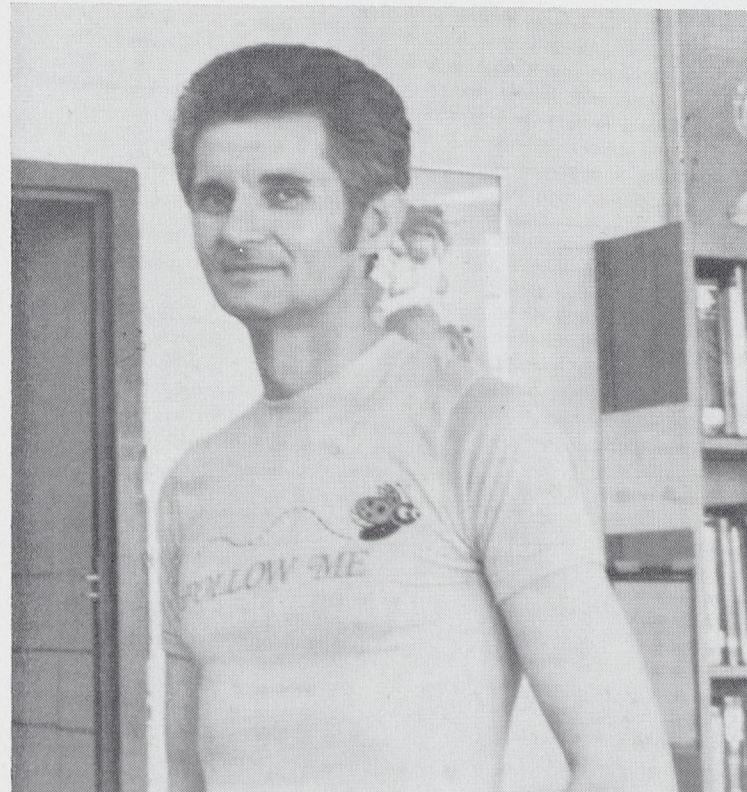
Mr. John Bate has been a member of the Bishop Ford community for fifteen years. During this time he has served both students and faculty as our librarian. He also taught Spanish part-time for three years. Three generations ago, Mr. Bate's grandfather worked at 500 Nineteenth Street. At that time, however, it was not a school, it was a trolley barn.

Being a librarian is just one small part of John Bate's life. His real love is the dance. In the course of twenty-five years, he has studied flamenco, tap, jazz, highland and ballet dancing. He now teaches tap dancing at Fifty-Fourth Street and Broadway in Manhattan and gives tap and ballet

classes in the adult education program right here at Ford.

Mr. Bate did not become a professional dancer for a number of reasons. Going on tour did not appeal to him, and the insecurity of the job was another drawback. Mr. Bate also feels that today singing goes hand-in-hand with dancing, and he reports that he can't sing a note. His height was also a problem; the average height of a chorus member is 5' 7", while Mr. Bate is 6' 4".

Right now Mr. Bate doesn't have any plans departing from his present life style. When he gives up the dance, he will reevaluate his life and find out where he stands. Fortunately for us, Mr. John Bate will be in the library for quite some time, ever ready to lend us a helping hand.



Mr. John Bate

SPEAK OUT!

by Stephanie Kieszak

What is your opinion regarding the large enrollment at Ford?

This question was asked of several students, and I received very few answers which could be printed. Generally, the students are disgusted with the crowding in the halls and cafeteria.

Senior Billy Mulcahey stated, "It's unfair to seniors. We can't leave the school or cafeteria because of overcrowding. I think it stinks."

Another senior, Jean Leslie Allen, remarked, "The hallways are terrible. Even with the four minutes, you hardly make it to class on time. It isn't that hard to find a seat in the senior section of the cafeteria, but I sympathize with the underclassmen."

It's almost impossible not to notice the congestion in the halls and on the stairs. Often, the people on the stairs can't move at all. This is not only annoying, it is dangerous.

A student may push or shove to start the line moving and cause an accident to occur. The provisions which were made, such as an extra minute between classes and an added lunch period, seem to do little to relieve the situation. Junior Adrienne Palmieri summed it up by saying, "It's like we have to pay for the mistake in letting so many freshmen in."

Sophomore Stefanie Vignapiano echoed those feelings, remarking that the school needs a better system.

Although there are many transfer students this year, most people blame the crowding on the number of freshmen. According to Bert Fabien, a junior, "There are more freshmen than there are seniors. They shouldn't have let in so many freshmen." Many of the freshmen, such as Edith Lopez, agree that their class, and the school in general, is too crowded.

What can be done about the crowding? Asking people for their opinions may make them feel better, but it does nothing to help the problem. Ford must stop accepting so many freshmen and revise its practice of letting students with academic failures stay in school on probation.

Things need to improve in our school. Let's hope they do, with the students and faculty working together towards common goals.

Inquiring Reporter:

Lehrman vs. Cuomo

by Patty Miller
and Kathy Davis

Question: If you could vote, who would be your choice for Governor? Why?

Elisa Cheo — 403: "Cuomo. I like his commercials."

Robert Napolitano — 408: "Lehrman. He might look out for the small businessman because he was one himself."

Carlos Ortiz — 409: "Cuomo. He has the experience of six years as Lt. Governor, and I think he can do a good job as Governor of New York."

Martha Colon — 303: "Lehrman. He has associated more with the people."

Tania Serrano — 311: "Lehrman. He's more involved in the public than Cuomo."

Lucy Fagan — 305: "Koch. He has more experience and, also, I've never heard of Lew Lehrman."

Stephanie Varone — 201: "Lehrman. He is for the death penalty."

Stephanie Varone — 213: "Cuomo. It's a tough choice, but I pick Cuomo with the death penalty; he cares about people."

Colette Cournoyer — 203: "Cuomo. He's against the death penalty."

Harold Yi — 116: "Lehrman. He seems like a nice guy. I admire him."

Christine Vinci — 116: "Cuomo. He seems better qualified."

John Mills — 110: "Koch. He helped the City."

Seniors!

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RUSH GOING PLACES

by Paul Ross

Rush's eight-year success has turned sour in 1982 with the release of their newest album, "Signals." The theme is technology. "Analog Kid," the album's number one song, shows Alex Lifeson's improvements with hardhitting leads. If it's lyrics you enjoy more than musical energy, Neil Peart gives his all and has produced eight beautifully-worded songs using something new for Rush, electric violins in the lyrical masterpiece, "Losing It." Neither Alex Lifeson or Neil Peart is shown off in his musical performance. Even Geddy Lee is held back by taking away his bass in sixty-five percent of the album and handing him a synthesizer. With all this bad news, yes, there is a silver lining. Rush is on tour and will be appearing at Madison Square Garden and Brendan Byrne Arena in November or December. One more note: I'll be back next issue with my review of Judas Priest's new album, "Screaming for Vengeance."

TRACK TEAM JOURNEYS TO RHODE ISLAND

by Regina Brown

On Friday, September 24, Ford's team went to the Our Lady of Providence Invitational in Norwich, R.I. The girl's track team ran in a large school division and placed 13th out of 27 teams; Maura Mahon placed 28th. Everyone's times improved since the previous week's race, which was the first of the season. Only our top seven runners were picked to go. They were Maura Mahon, Donna Homan, Allison Thomas, Deedee Dixon, Gloria Rodriguez, Yolanda Lake and Noreen Oliver.

The trip to Rhode Island was paid for by winning a race which had a monetary prize. This event took place in June of '82, and it was the Manufacturers Hanover Team 10K. Six of Ford's runners were in the race. They were Andy Dignam, John Shammas and Robert Cole. For the girls, there was Maura Mahon, Allison Thomas, and Maureen Powell. They combined the two teams for a 2nd place win and took home 3,000 dollars.

Miss Scavuzzo commented, "I think that this team will be the best team I have ever coached in my four years." Then she went on to say, "There are a lot of talented runners not on the team who would help make the team a lot better; the team will be able to come in among the top three in the City Champs."

BFCCHS TENNIS TEAM SWINGS INTO ACTION

by Gregory Kraemer

Much credit is due to the tennis team at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School. It is coached by Mr. Raymond Habib, who not only is a terrific tennis instructor but also an excellent track athlete.

There are approximately twenty-two boys and twenty girls on the team this year. Just to name a few, there are Paul Bressi, Billy Mulcahey, Andy Cole, Charlie Esposito, Mike Dellesso, and Robert Bruzzese. Among the girls are Jean Allen, Laura Allen, Stephanie Kieszak, Rafaela Zabatta, Dee Dixon, and Michele Cirrincione.

Billy Mulcahey, one of the players on the team who will be beginning his third year, stated, "The time I've spent on Bishop Ford's tennis team has been an absolutely terrific experience for me." Also, he said, "Not only has the tennis team helped me improve my game, but it has helped me control my temper and concentrate on my game more."

Sportlight:

MAURA MAHON



Maura Mahon

by Regina Brown

This month's Sportlight focuses on senior Maura Mahon, who is one of the captains of the Girl's Track Team. Maura comes from St Anthony's in Greenpoint, and she never ran until her freshman year. One of her most outstanding qualities is her dedication to her team; she hardly ever misses a practice or a race. Her coach also said that she is a very dependable captain.

In her freshman year she was top two in Cross Country. She ran varsity in the Brooklyn Champs and finished 3rd for Ford. In the indoor and outdoor seasons as both a freshman and sophomore she ran the varsity two-mile relay. She was also part of a successful freshman team, running lead leg in the gold medal winning Frosh Distance Medley Relay. On the Cross Country team in her sophomore year she was top five varsity and helped the team to a fifth place finish in the City Champs.

Although she led the Cross Country team in her junior year, her most unhappy race was the Brooklyn Champs. While she was approaching the finish line in 2nd place, Maura collapsed from a lack

of sugar in her system. In the indoor season she took over the two mile run and was fourth in the City Champs. During the outdoor season she ran the 3000 m. and was fifth in the City Champs. She also ran the 3000 at the Hartford Invitational.

This year she wants the team to win the Brooklyn Champs and to qualify for the States. She is concentrating on the mile and two-mile for indoor and outdoor.

With all of the running that she has been doing, Maura is still able to keep up her first honors. She is also a member of the National Honor Society (she will be treasurer this year), the Tutoring Club, the Math League, and is a Senior Leader.

As for her plans after she graduates, she wishes to go to a university in one of the New England States. She wants to major in Math. She also plans to run in college.

When asked how she felt about the team, Maura replied, "If the girls who are running work hard to pull the team together, there is a good chance that we will be a lot better than in past seasons."

VOLLEYBALL SEASON BEGINS

by Regina Brown

After losing five starters, this year's volleyball team will be a very young team. They do have the return of some excellent players, such as Eileen Cole, who participated in the Empire State Games, Carol Dopman, Roe Mazzone and Carolyn Barna, to name a few. Mrs. Schmidt feels they should do well this year and be able to make the playoffs.

The team consists of Captains Linda DiMonda and Eileen Cole, and team members Chona Fabian, Vicki Cariere, Carol Dopman, Carolyn Barna, Roe Mazzone, Laura Prior, Ellen Fabian, Karen Gavanagh, Kathy Rossiter, Vicklyn Vincent, Kristen Rower, Liza Panzo and Kim Smith, with Almira Allen as manager.

The team will play double the amount of games they played last year, seven at home and seven away. They will also compete in the St. Francis College tournament and the John F. Kennedy tournament.



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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

by Andrew Cole

On Monday, September 20, Gene Upshaw, president of the National Football League Players' Association, announced that the union planned to strike after the final gun of Monday's game between the N.Y. Giants and the Green Bay Packers. This decision was a bold one but, in my opinion, a mistake.

Although I admire the players for having the courage to call the first regular-season strike in the NFL's history, I feel the reasoning behind this move leaves much to be desired. Should this strike cause the entire season to be lost, as many league officials expect, both the players union and the management would suffer greatly. The players lost approximately nine million dollars in salaries after missing just one week of football (Sept. 26). Management lost twenty-nine million dollars in ticket and television money! Overall, the strike cost both sides close to seventy million dollars in the first week. This is an incredible amount; the whole season's losses would be astronomical. These potential financial losses could be avoided if both sides would learn to bargain in good faith. But after seven months of negotiating, they have not reached a reasonable agreement, and at the moment the problem seems to be unsolvable. Meanwhile, we poor fans have to live without the awesome defense of the Giants, and the New York Sack exchange—and even Howard Cosell.

Perhaps the most intelligent idea to make up for the money loss and to provide the fans with some substitute entertainment would be for the NFL Management Council and the NFLPA to sell tickets to the circus they call "the bargaining table."

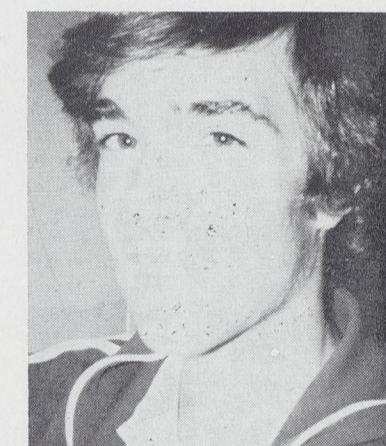
SOCER TEAM AIM FOR PLAYOFFS

by Martin Brennan

The young and talented Bishop Ford soccer team has burst onto the soccer scene as legitimate contenders to capture the Brooklyn Division Championship. It appears as though the team has improved tremendously in only one year.

The most noticeable improvement is expertise, which has obviously come from experience. Last year's squad contained a total of only three veteran starters. This year, the team boasts the presence of nine veteran players. The starters, composed mainly of sophomores, are led by junior Captain John Fritsch, and seniors Vinny Belcastro and James Loquet. Sophomore and freshmen starters include: Gerardo Leonardi, Marco Golding, Philip Ferrigno, Martin Brennan, Gregory McNichols, Stanley Schille, Robert Fadel, Sean Conaghan, and Andrew Cholewa. The remainder of the squad includes: Augie Iallonardo, John Fragale, Dermott Brennan, Brian Coughlan and Julio Laboy. The rookie coach is John Dilgin, a graduate of Ford.

This year's squad's most immediate goal is to make the playoffs. According to Coach Dilgin, the team will get there with its quick offense, intelligent midfield, and tough defense. When asked how far he thinks his team will go, the coach responded, "I think we have a good chance to win the Brooklyn-Queens title." This team is thinking not only of the present but also of the future.



Robert Cole

SPORTLIGHT: ROBERT COLE

by James Young

During his first two years at Ford, Robert Cole played for our basketball team. In his junior year he switched to track and found out that he liked to run. In cross country he placed fifth in the Brooklyn Championships. In the City Championships he placed twenty-fifth. He is the captain of the Varsity team. He feels that we have a good coaching staff in Mr. Fernandez and Louis Vasquez. He feels that the coaching staff will play a big part in the success of our team.

The captains this year are seniors Bobby Dreher and Steve Hanratty. Dreher is in the breaststroke, while Hanratty swims freestyle and the butterfly. Other veteran swimmers are Joe Connaghan, Mark Conforti, Ed Schloemen, Ed Quintero and Adam Siebor.

Practices will be held at the Prospect Park "Y", the YWCA and St. Francis College. Most of the races will be held at St. John's University.